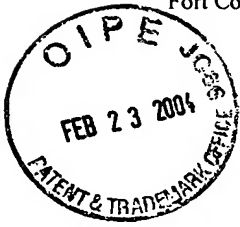


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SUBSTANCE**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed October 22, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §
1.111 as follows:

Introductory comments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins
on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Introductory Comments

Claims 1-72 are pending in the Application. In response to Examiner's restriction Applicants elected Group 1 claims 1-20, 23, 24, 27, and 54 with traverse. Claims 1-20, 23, 24, 27, and 54 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Carden, Jr. et al. in view of Stewart.

Applicants withdraw from consideration claims 21-22 and 25-26 pending allowance of an independent claim from which they depend. Applicants cancel claims 28-53 and 55-72 without prejudice, and their content reserved for inclusion in a continuation/divisional application.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 10-16, 18, 20, 23, 25, and 54.

Please cancel claim 9.

No claims have been allowed by the Examiner.